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In re Application of Matthew J. Sherman

Application No. 10/086,534

Filed: March 4, 2002

Attorney Docket No. 2685/5866

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed October 17, 2008.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a)". Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. No fee is required for a renewed petition.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed September 27, 2007. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on December 28, 2007. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on June 5, 2008.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(1); and (3) a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unavoidable. The instant petition lacks item (2).

The petition fee required for a petition to revive is required for the filing, not merely the grant, of the petition. Accordingly, before the petition can even be considered on the merits, applicant must submit the petition fee in full, currently \$540 for a small entity. The Office only received \$510. No authorization to charge any additional fees to a deposit account was found. Effective October 2, 2008, the fee for a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was increased to \$540. Accordingly, on request for reconsideration, petitioner must submit the \$30 due for the petition fee.

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See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(B).